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TOWN OF SHADELAND NEWSLETTER

Shadeland Park

The Shadeland Parks Committee would like to invite you to come visit the park.

There will be a Clean-Up Shadeland Day on April 27, 2019. Please meet at the Shadeland Park at 10:00a.m to participate. There will be refreshments served at noon for all participants of this project. Last year's event brought out 17 volunteers to spruce up the park, plant a few trees, and paint some equipment.

Southwestern/Mintonye Summer Recreation will be back playing at the ball field this coming season. Many families are using the playground to entertain the siblings of the ball players. The town has added a paved walking path around the new playground this past year. You will find a few other new swings and seating areas this season as well. The Friends of the Shadeland Parks purchased an adult swing that has been placed to overlook the playground. This purchase was made possible by Shadeland alumni donations. If you would like to make a tax deductible donation, those can be made to the 501C3 foundation of Friends of Shadeland Parks and Recreation

and mailed to 3209 S 250W, Lafayette, IN 47909.

The basketball court was updated last year and will soon have line markings added to the court.

Please remember to bring your picnic basket and enjoy one of the two picnic shelters we have available for your use. There is lighting provided and electrical outlets available for your use. There is water available (weather permitting) on site as well.

Any ideas and comments on the park? Please feel free to make your opinions heard. The Park Committee meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Shadeland Town Hall inside the fire station building. Clean Up Shadeland

Saturday 4/27 10:00 AM @ Park

Shadeland Street Department



The town had submitted grant applications to INDOT this past year in hopes of being awarded a 75/25 matching grant from the Community Crossings grant program. We had submitted seven projects ranging from road resurfacing, culvert replacement and guardrails. We were awarded money for the following seven projects: culvert replacement on Sleeper Rd and road resurfacing on 700S, 250W, 475W, 175W, 200S, and 300S. The estimated cost for all of the projects was \$950,000.00. The grant money will pay for 75% of the cost of each project, and the town will pay the other 25% of each project.

Please watch for a temporary road closure on Sleeper Rd in early summer to allow for the culvert replacement. Signs will be posted in advance of the closure. All other road resurfacing projects will not require a closure. Please watch for flagmen to direct traffic during late spring and early summer on the other roads that will be under construction.

We would like to thank American Paving, as well as the Shadeland Street Department, for another wonderful season of snow/ice control. They have kept all of us safe in our winter travels yet again. Bravo!

Shadeland Fire Department

The Shadeland Fire Department is always on the lookout for new members. Qualified applicants must be at least 18, in good health, and live within one mile of Union Township. If interested, call 765-474-3710 or email shadelandfire@comcast.net for more information.



The Town of Shadeland purchased a new fire truck this past year. This is a 2019 Ford F550 brush truck that was bulilt for the department by EJ Metals out of Wisconsin. This new Truck #303 replaces the previos 1997 brush truck. The 1997 model was sold through sealed bids in a public meeting and went to SE Davies Fire District out of Washington, IN. The picture above shows a history of Truck#303 with the Shadeland Volunteer Fire Department.

From the Desk of Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Ehrie

It is spring cleaning time and that means yard maintenance is upon us.

I receive several complaints regarding yards that have not been mowed. Other complaints have come in that neighbors might not be mowing nearly often enough or are not keeping weeds down. Countless other complaints of junk or trash littered yards have also been reported. Please take a moment and look at your lawn and consider what needs to be done to make it beautiful to all that view it. It is your responsibility as a citizen of Shadeland to keep your lawns mowed and free of noxious weeds, junk and trash. So please put items away if they do not belong on your lawn and keep your property mowed. Shadeland has ordinances that have to be enforced for the good of the community and all of the citizens living here. The town will have no choice but to send warning letters to those who do not take the initiative to clean up their own



properties. If they still do not comply a fine will be assessed to the property owner. For any of you that have property that you rent out, please make sure your tenants understand the expectations of this community also. I certainly do not enjoy sending out these types of notices or charging fines to anyone, but will be forced to if citizens do not comply with the ordinances in place. Please take the initiative to beautify Shadeland all on your own! We all enjoy looking at beautiful things; let our community be one of those beautiful things! I myself, as well as your neighbors will appreciate your efforts in this matter very much!

Future issues of the Pepper Press can be viewed through the website. We will no longer be mailing paper copies of the newsletter. In this time of technological advances it has come to our attention that most people would rather view the newsletter on their computer. If you do not have access to a computer and still need a paper copy of the future newsletters, please contact me at 765-477-0116 with your request for a paper copy. I will have a paper copy on display in the bulletin board at town hall as well.